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REMARKS

Claims 15-28 are presently in the application. Claims 1-14 and 29 have been canceled.

The specification has been objected to because of a misspelled word at page 1, line 27. The examiner is obviously referring to the "Confirmation Copy" of the specification. An amendment correcting the "Confirmation Copy" is enclosed herein. We call to the examiner's attention that the preliminary amendment filed on April 11, 2005 also made changes to the specification. We assume that these changes have been properly entered.

Also, the specification has been objected to because there is no antecedent basis or description in the specification for the language "correct grip." The examiner is incorrect. The antecedent basis is found in the first paragraph on page 1 which defines the language "correct grip" as "a grip in which the use of a golf club is to be maximised to give beneficial stroke."

Claim 29 has been canceled and the specification has been amendment to describe the product sold under the trademark "Velcro" as a "hook and loop fastening."

Claim 25 has been objected to because the language "the dart" lacks a proper antecedent. The proper antecedent is found in claim 16. Claim 25 has been amended to depend from claim 21, which is dependent on claim 16.

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Claims 15-19, 21-23, 27 and 28 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Landis (US 6,513,166) in view of Oury (US 7,101,286).

Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 15 is directed to “[a] pair of gloves for right and left hands . . . the front and back of both gloves each being bi-colored or bi-patterned in mutually exclusive portions such that, when worn, and a golf club is being held in correct grip, only portions of one color or pattern are visible to a user.”

Landis shows, in each of Figs. 1-5, a single, left-hand glove for a right-handed golfer, not a pair of gloves as found by the examiner.

The examiner describes Oury as showing a pair of gloves with, according to the examiner, one glove having a “substantially circular” formation 102 on the sheath for the thumb for location, in use, with a “substantially semi-circular” formation 201 provided on the front of the other glove, the “semi-circular” formation being directed towards the sheath for the thumb to assist in the correctness of the grip.

However, neither reference teaches “the front and back of both gloves each being bi-colored or bi-patterned in mutually exclusive portions such that, when worn, and a golf club is being held in correct grip, only portions of one color or pattern are visible to a user” as recited in claim 15.

Only Oury actually discloses a pair of gloves, but there is no teaching or suggestion in Oury of the front and back of both gloves each being bi-colored or bi-

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patterned in mutually exclusive portions such that, when worn, and a golf club is being held in correct grip, only portions of one color or pattern are visible to a user.

To establish prima facie obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. In re Royka, 490 F.2d 981, 180 USPQ 580 (CCPA 1974). Neither Landis nor Oury teaches or suggests a pair of gloves for right and left hands of the type recited in claim 15 in which the front and back of both gloves are bi-colored or bi-patterned in mutually exclusive portions such that, when worn, and a golf club is being held in correct grip, only portions of one color or pattern are visible to a user. Accordingly, claim 15 and the claims dependent thereon are not rendered obvious by the combined teachings of Landis and Oury.

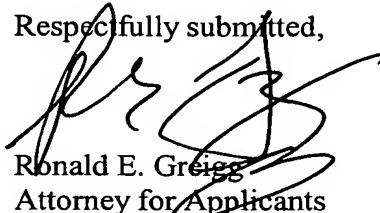
Claims 20 and 29 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Landis in view of Oury and Feuerhake (US 5,704,065) and claims 24-26 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Landis in view of Oury and Harvanek (US 5,542,126). Reconsideration of these rejections is also respectfully requested.

Like Landis and Oury, neither Feuerhake nor Harvanek teaches “the front and back of both gloves each being bi-colored or bi-patterned in mutually exclusive portions such that, when worn, and a golf club is being held in correct grip, only portions of one color or pattern are visible to a user.” Accordingly, neither Feuerhake nor Harvanek solves the basic deficiency of the Landis-Oury combination.

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Entry of the amendment and allowance of the claim are respectfully requested.

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